



**DIVISION OF MINERAL AND GEOLOGIC RESOURCES
MINING SECTION**

**Public Participation Opportunities
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions**

July 30, 2025

Public Notice: M2025-15

Last Day to Comment: August 29, 2025

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit actions and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment.

Individual NPDES Permits

Non-Coal Proposed Issuance

Applicant	Guy Hommel, Jr. dba Hommel Concrete Company				
Facility	Hwy 73 Sand and Gravel Pit				
Permit Number	TN0070432	Permit Writer Initials	GEK	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Cocke			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	819 Mantooth Hills Way				
City and Zip Code	Newport 37821				
Description of Activity	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to the Pigeon River				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.921	Longitude	-83.1728	

Non-Coal Proposed Modification

Applicant	Tennessee Aggregates LLC				
Facility	Middle Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0079405	Permit Writer Initials	CSM	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Johnson			EFO Name	Johnson City
Street Address	633 Doe Creek Road				
City and Zip Code	Butler 37640				
Description of Activity	Quartzite, Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Doe Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.38556	Longitude	-81.961401	

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant	BMJ Stone Company, LLC				
Facility	Sandstone Processing Facility				
Permit Number	TN0069906	Permit Writer Initials	CSM	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Cumberland			EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address	405 County Seat Road				
City and Zip Code	Crosssville 38555				
Description of Activity	Sandstone Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	One Mile Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.9325	Longitude	-85.0086	

Applicant	Gleason Clay Company, LLC				
Facility	Mine #3				
Permit Number	TN0045497	Permit Writer Initials	AJS	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Carroll			EFO Name	Jackson
Street Address	10581 SR-77				
City and Zip Code	Huntingdon 38344				
Description of Activity	Ball Clay Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Beaver Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.00556	Longitude	-88.497306	

Non-Coal Proposed Revocation and Reissuance/Modification

Applicant	Lhoist North America of Tennessee, LLC				
Facility	Crab Orchard Plant				
Permit Number	TN0063631	Permit Writer Initials	RRD	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Cumberland			EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address	10583 Hwy 70E				
City and Zip Code	Crab Orchard 37723				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Baker Branch via karst topography				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.906111	Longitude	-84.866667	

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Columbia, TN 38401-5611
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Cookeville, TN 38501
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Jackson, TN 38305-4316
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Bartlett, TN 38133-4119
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How to Comment

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is requesting public comments on the proposed permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator; by fax to (865) 594-6105; or by e-mail to DMGR.PublicNotice@tn.gov. Comments must be received before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing

Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party requesting a hearing, the reasons that a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, the Division will hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (12). A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

How the Department Will Proceed

The Director of the Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details

Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are maintained in the Mining Section's permit files at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office. There is a nominal fee for copying. The files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. E-mail Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review. Information is also available in the Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources Data Viewer at: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html>.

State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found in Rule 0400-40-03-.06 of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the antidegradation policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters receive the greatest level of protection. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas designates these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality. The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Waters and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Waters refer to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

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